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Serial No.:	10/667,176)	Art Unit:	3721
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Title:	PRELOADED DROP HAMMER FOR)		
	DRIVING PILES)		

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005. It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005, in connection with this case. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under 35 USC § 102(b) based on U.S. Patent No. 4,497,376 to Kurylko. Initially, claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17, and 20 have been canceled by this amendment, rendering moot the rejections thereto. In addition, independent claims 1, 13, and 18 have been amended to distinguish the present invention over the Kurylko reference. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1, 13, and 18 render